

CITY OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD OF HEALTH

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HEALTH OFFICER

William Ward, Director of Permitting & Inspections

FINAL MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Zoom Conference Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Attending: Caroline Tassey; William Ward; Julie Hathaway, Mary Hart, Ian McHale, Celia Bird **Absent:**

Meeting called to order by Chair Casey at 6:41 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
 Approvals: a. Swearing In of new Members b. Agenda 	a.Swearing In	Caroline performed the official swearing in of Ian and Celia.
o. Agenda	b.Approved with items 8 Marijuana Card & 9 Hep A discussion removed for this month. With a full agenda, pesticide applications, and no new information it was decided that these two items be removed from this month's agenda.	Agenda approved with amendments.
2. Public Forum	No public appearances	
3. Introductions – New members	Ian is in hospital research and would like to use his expertise to be involved with educating the Burlington community.	
	Celia is a nurse practitioner at the Edmonds School and would also like to be involved with educating the Burlington community as well as being part of the community	

	and city conversations regarding health.	
4. Pesticide Application Start Farm Beach	Brian Sullivan called in to discuss his pesticide application. He is battling Knotweed which is an aggressive invasive species. (This is where the discussion of how many mechanical attempts were made before applying to use pesticides).	Ian motioned to approve; 3 members in favor and two opposed.
5. Pesticide Application Centennial Court Apts	Treeworks application tabled until August as applicant was unavailable.	Celia motioned to table, Julia 2nd
4a. & 5a. Discussion of Pesicide Applications	Caroline began by explaining the application process, the buffer zone, and non-buffer zone requirements. Bill reviewed pesticide injection as per our Parks & Recreation Division. Ian questioned applicant attempts at mechanical removal vs chemical removal. Is there a process in place for how many mechanical attempts before chemical removal becomes the option. Ian proposed two motions.	.Caroline asked Celeste to get Ian and Celia the Emerald Ash Boarer report from Parks & Rec.
	 Improve application questions, requirements. Mechanical attempts v Chemical use; Put a process in place for pesticide application. How many attempts at mechanical should be tried before submitting application for pesticide use in buffer zones. 	Ian motioned; Julie 2nd.
6. Update on City response to Covid-19 Bill Ward	Bill reviewed our Covid-19 response starting with the initial planning; rv's for the homeless,	

	donations and volunteers, food distribution to neighbors, the quarantine system and how to register with the city, as well as the quarantine gift bags that were given out to registrants. The gift bags contained restaurant gift cards, information on how Burlington is handling the virus along with contact information for the RRC. He then went on to tell us where the City is at now with handling of the virus.	
	He proposed that the Board of Health participate in giving out face masks and educating the community about the Covid-19 virus.	Caroline, Celia, Ian, and Bill volunteered to have a table on Church Street on a Saturday.
7. Chair Report	There is no chair report this month.	
8. Marijuana Legalization	Caroline asked Celeste to get a copy of the marijuana card to Ian and Celia.	Agenda amendment as mentioned in item 1. Ian to create summary of UVM OSCR of what they do for a potential collaboration.
	Discussed potential locations to hand out marijuana cards;	
9. Hepatitis A prevention Update	This item was tabled for this month.	Motioned by Mary, Celia 2 nd
10. Public Bathroom Planning discussion	Brought Ian and Celia up to speed on public bathrooms and available handouts.	
11. Emerging Issues	The biggest emerging issue at this point is the concern for a second Covid-19 spike.	
	Another issue is how we can address Racism as a public health issue and giving a statement of support to the City from BOH in their upcoming declaration of Racism as a citywide public health issue.	
12. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum	Celeste established a city wide BOH front porch account to post any BOH information the Board	

	would like to share with the public.	
13. Next Meeting	Thursday, August 9, at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom
14. Adjournment	Motion made to extend meeting by 15 minutes.	Ian motioned, Julie 2 nd .
	Meeting was adjourned at 8:39p	